

# Plympton Academy

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## Re: Punctuality

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our Home-School agreement through ensuring your son/daughter attends school regularly and arrives on time to the Academy each day.

However, as part of our continuous monitoring and tracking of attendance, we have noticed an increase in the amount of students arriving at the Academy either at or after 8:40am, the start of the Academy day. Poor punctuality means students are absent for the crucial start of Period 1 - including missing the morning register - with late students then interrupting a settled learning environment. We recommend that our students are on the Academy site by 8:30am each morning, so they are in class ready and prepared to learn in good time.

To support this expectation, and to ensure we maintain the very highest standards of punctuality, we will be placing any student who arrives to Period 1 after 8:40am into a breaktime detention the same day. These detentions will be in place from **Monday 21st May** and will be managed by teaching staff. Students who do not attend this breaktime detention will be placed into an after school detention (3.00 - 4.00pm) later that day.

We are aware that - in exceptional circumstances - lateness is unavoidable; on these rare occasions, we request that a note is placed in the student's planner to briefly explain the reason.

Please can I remind you of the opportunities available to your child on the academy site from 8am each day. Free breakfast (fruit juice, hot chocolate, a choice of cereal and toast) is available to all students each morning in the Plympton Academy Diner. Studies show that there are numerous benefits to beginning the day with a healthy breakfast: students generally have more energy, can concentrate for longer periods and enjoy the wider health benefits of a balanced diet. We also have 'Wake Up, Shake Up' PE clubs running, and the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is open for quiet reading, study or PC access.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing our students continue to manage their time effectively over the remainder of the summer term.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Principal & Director of Sport



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